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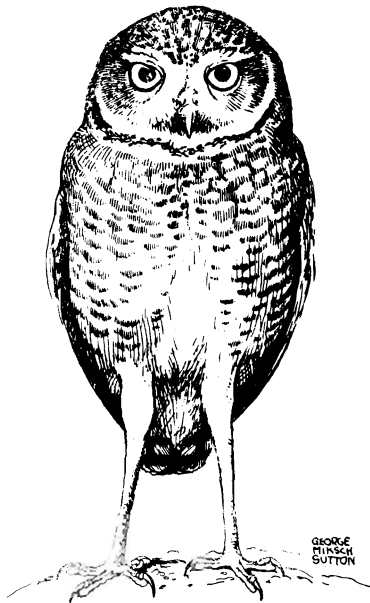
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1985 TREASURER'S REPORT

		This year	Cash To/From other years	Invest- ments	Current Account	Total Assets
Balance 1 January 1985		1,131.51	677.28	5,855.56		6,309.79
Accounts Payable paid		(379.28)	(379.28)			
Prepaid items used below		(298.00)	(298.00)			
RECEIPTS						
Member- ships	182 Active	1,274.00				
	57 Family active	570.00				
	19 Sustaining	285.00				
	5 Family Sustain.	100.00				
	15 Student	45.00				
	4 Life	400.00			2,674.00	
Subscrip- tions	40 Domestic agency	293.00				
	6 Domestic direct	45.00				
	4 Foreign agency	37.50			377.50	
Miscel- laneous	Single copies Review	37.75				
	Back issues Review	488.25				
	Checklist	97.96				
	Arm Patches	70.25				
	Field cards	21.53				
	Miscellaneous	26.58				
	Spring meeting (net)	387.00				
	Fall meeting (net)	118.65				
	Interest	82.82		345.47	1,676.26	
Total Receipts		4,380.29		345.47	4,725.76	
EXPENSES						
Publica- tions	Review printing	1,054.78	357.08			
	Newsletters	302.72				
	Postage	360.00			2,074.58	
Officer's expenses	Editor	148.18				
	Treasurer	70.74			218.92	
Miscel- laneous	Bird Atlas Project	131.30				
	Incorp. Fee	20.00				
	Print field cards	70.77				
	Make arm patches	206.75			428.82	
Total expenses		2,365.24	357.08		2,722.32	2,003.44
Memorials and gifts		163.00				163.00
Prepaid memberships		672.00	672.00			
To investments		(2,400.00)		2,400.00		
Balance 31 December 1985		904.28	1,029.08	8,601.03		8,476.23

1986 ANNUAL MEETING, NORTH PLATTE, 17-18 MAY

1985 CHRISTMAS COUNT

This Christmas Count includes 101 species, two more than last year, and three species (compared to two last year) were recorded as present during the count period but not recorded on the count day on any count. Two additional localities (Beaver Valley - northwest Boone Co. - and Norfolk) brought the total reporting areas to ten. Fourteen species, compared to eighteen last year, were reported from all localities this year. The total individual count this year was 124,642, compared to 345,092 last year and 43,652 in 1983. The Red-winged Blackbird count for Omaha last year was 255,806, this year it was 32. The columns are arranged in an approximate west (left) to east (right) order, with the northernmost of those with about equal longitude given first. The symbol H is used to indicate a species which was present during the count week, but not recorded on the count day. Figures which were underlined on the reports, or which were marked "high" are underlined in the table, and those that were marked "low" are overlined. Sightings reported as "species" are not included in the species count if any of that group were reported.

Beaver Valley, center NW corner of sec. 5, T21N, R7W., 1.5 mi. S. and 4 mi. W. of Petersburg, including Petersburg, Raeville, Loretto, and Akron (all in northwestern Boone Co.); elevation 1850 to 2150 ft.; habitat coverage: farmland 52%, native grassland 40%, bushy swamp 4%, deciduous woods 2%, coniferous woods 1%, shelterbelts 1%. Dec. 27; 7:45 AM to 5:15 PM. AM mostly clear, intermittent moderate snow; PM mostly clear. Temp. 24° to 19° F. Wind NW, 25-40 mph. Snow cover 0 to 4 in. Fresh water partly open. Wild food crop good. Four observers in 1 party. Total party hours 9.5 (5.5 on foot, 4 by car), total party miles 47 (6 on foot, 41 by car). Robert Freiberg, Gary Lingle, Wayne Mollhoff (compiler), Duane Wolff.

DeSoto NWR, center refuge headquarters building, west to Blair and east to Missouri Valley, Iowa, including all of the refuge, Wilson Island, and Fort Calhoun; elevation 992 to 1375 ft.; habitat coverage: cultivated fields 40%, woodlands and open brush 40%, water 5%, urban and residential 15%; Jan. 4; 7 AM to 5 PM. mostly clear all day. Temp. 20° to 32° F. Wind NW 25-30 mph. Snow cover 0. Fresh water mostly frozen. Wild food crop good. Twenty-six observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours 46.75 (10.5 on foot, 36.25 by car), plus .25 owling; total party-miles 411.5 (14.5 on foot, 397 by car), plus 3 miles owling. Betty Allen, Jack Brownrigg, Ron Ciser, George Gage, James Glathar, Ruth Green, Elizabeth Grenon, Greg Hepner, Jim & Sandy Kovanda, Pat Miller, Harold Morrow, William Otto, Babs & Loren Padelford, Neal Ratzlaff, B. J. & Sharon Rose, Ross Silcock, Bob & David Starr, Eric Volden, John & Marlene Weber, Ione Werthman, Barbara Wilson.

Grand Island, center NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 1, T10N, R10W, to include all of Grand Island, Cornhusker State WMA, south half of Hall Co. Airport, and Crystal Lake; elevation 1840 to 1945 ft.; habitat coverage: woodland 50%, freshwater 30%, residential 10%, open field/cropland 10%. Dec. 21; 7:45 AM to 6 PM. AM mostly clear, fog; PM clear. Temp. 23° to 44° F. Wind SW 5 mph. Snow cover 0 to 2 in. Fresh water mostly frozen. Wild food crop good. Twelve observers in 6 parties, total party-hours 29.5 (10.5 on foot, 19 by car), total party-miles 253 (12 on foot, 241 by car). Vera Coons, Walt Ford, Gary (compiler) & Kari Lingle, Roxanne Lowery, Jim Meyer, Gene & June Miller, Bill Schleicher, Helen Simmons, and Brad & Margaret Woodruff.

Kearney, center bridge over the Platte River south of Kearney, including Kearney Cemetery, Harmon Park, Cottonmill Lake Park, Odessa bridge, Fort Kearney Historical Park and Recreational Area, Fawn Lake area and connecting roads; elevation around 2150 ft.; habitat coverage: parks and cemetery 30%, river bottomlands 30%, roadsides 30%, feeding stations 10%. Dec. 28; 8 AM to 12:30 PM., 1:30 PM to 5 PM. Wind southerly, switching to northerly in the morning; 10 to 20 mph. Ground patchy with snow. River partly frozen. Nineteen observers, 14 in 1 party, and 5 at feeders; total party-miles 58.5 (1.5 on foot, 57 by car). Lana Bishop, John & Margaret Bliese, George, Laurie, & Marion Brown, Alice (compiler) & Jennifer Heckman, Justin Heckman, Jennifer Henrickson, Chad Johnson, Courtney Mathieson, Marita Mathieson, Richard Mathieson, Norma Radford, Marguerita Richardson, Alice Rumery, Ken & Marie Strom.

Lincoln, center South Coddington and West A Street, to include Pioneers Park, about 8 miles of Wilderness Park, Lagoon Park, Yankee Lake and Conestoga Lake areas, eastern half of Pawnee Lake, and Wyuka Cemetery; elevation 1000

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	S.B.	N.P.	Kear.	G.I.	B.V.	Norf.	Linc.	DSNWR	Omaha	Tri-S
D-c. Cormorant	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grt. Blue Heron	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tundra Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-
Gr. W-f, Goose	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Goose	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	66	-	-
Canada Goose	333	<u>7,248</u>	25,000	<u>4,868</u>	-	-	-	434	17	-
Wood Duck	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green-wing. Teal	-	-	-	-	H	-	-	-	-	-
Am. Black Duck	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mallard	6,075	5	-	2,660	<u>95</u>	250	152	25,321	12	33
Northern Pintail	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadwall	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Wigeon	50	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Goldeneye	1	52	-	-	1	1	-	37	20	-
Bufflehead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Common Merganser	5	102	-	H	-	-	-	5	20	-
Bald Eagle	<u>16</u>	12	1	4	5	2	-	56	18	6
Adult	5	8	-	3	3	2	-	39	16	-
Immature	11	4	-	1	2	-	-	17	2	-
Undesig.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Northern Harrier	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
Sharp-shin. Hawk	-	-	-	-	H	-	4	1	2	1
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	1
Northern Goshawk	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accipiter sp.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	6	11	6	15	43	44	64	17
Ferruginous Hawk	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Rough-leg. Hawk	2	2	-	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	1	1	2	1	-
Buteo sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-	<u>6</u>	-	-	-	-	-
American Kestrel	15	7	3	13	3	21	17	10	36	16
Merlin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prairie Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Gray Partridge	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
R-n. Pheasant	<u>1</u>	-	-	12	17	59	35	56	9	4
Gr. Prairie Ch.	-	-	-	-	11	6	-	-	-	-
Sharp-t. Grouse	-	-	-	H	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	6	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	11	45
No. Bobwhite	-	-	-	<u>0</u>	-	65	4	9	-	-
Common Snipe	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-
Herring Gull	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Dove	30	11	29	115	13	789	146	130	143	163

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	S.B.	N.P.	Kear.	G.I.	B.V.	Norf.	Linc.	DSNWR	Omaha	Tri-S
Mourning Dove	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	-	5	7
E. Screech-Owl	H	-	-	-	-	-	14	3	8	4
Great Horned Owl	1	-	1	5	10	7	12	1	5	-
Barred Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	2	1	16	-	-	-
Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-
Owl sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Belted Kingfish.	1	-	-	4	-	3	6	-	-	1
Red-head. Woodp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	<u>122</u>	12
Red-bell. Woodp.	-	-	-	2	-	23	12	29	64	10
Yellow-b. Sap.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Downy Woodpecker	5	2	6	8	5	85	53	52	125	25
Hairy Woodpecker	1	-	1	6	1	24	10	6	8	1
Northern Flicker	<u>9</u>	-	4	20	8	40	31	105	143	27
Yellow-sh.	-	-	-	-	8	-	26	102	139	-
Red-shaft.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	4	-
Undesig.	9	-	4	20	-	40	1	-	-	27
Horned Lark	84	6	230	29	<u>7</u>	400	48	195	105	9
Blue Jay	17	5	15	14	3	79	168	86	<u>301</u>	94
Pinyon Jay	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-b. Magpie	18	1	2	<u>11</u>	20	28	-	-	-	-
American Crow	20	-	500	551	17	188	214	79	132	34
B-c. Chickadee	27	6	18	40	15	326	263	178	569	21
Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	4
Red-b. Nuthatch	-	-	-	1	3	1	9	1	1	-
W-b. Nuthatch	-	-	7	<u>21</u>	4	60	41	39	127	9
Brown Creeper	-	-	3	3	1	6	15	3	6	2
Carolina Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Winter Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
G-c. Kinglet	2	-	6	8	-	8	10	1	-	3
Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-	<u>7</u>	-	-	-	5	-	-
Town. Solitaire	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H	-
American Robin	29	89	3	33	2	15	46	511	<u>1,307</u>	271
Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	-	-	-	32	-	104	37	30	115	201
Northern Shrike	5	-	1	-	-	5	-	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-
Loggerh. Shrike	-	-	-	1	-	-	H	-	-	-
Europ. Starling	567	168	420	660	30	2,604	2,499	1,133	3,374	779
N. Cardinal	-	1	4	16	2	33	108	83	158	80
Rufous-s. Towhee	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	1	-	-
Am. Tree Sparrow	27	6	3	<u>289</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>2,316</u>	362	997	<u>187</u>	48
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	11	-	2	-	-	-	-

	S.B.	N.P.	Kear.	G.I.	B.V.	Norf.	Linc.	DSNWR	Omaha	Tri-S
Song Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	14	1	9	3	3
Lincoln's Sp.	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	H	-
White-th. Sp.	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	1	2
White-cr. Sp.	10	-	1	-	-	1	37	-	-	11
Harris' Sparrow	-	-	14	63	3	165	68	42	15	48
Dark-eyed Junco	52	7	20	90	32	809	266	679	483	185
Slate-col.	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	483	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Undesig.	52	7	20	90	32	809	246	679	-	184
Lapland Longsp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-
Snow Bunting	-	-	-	-	H	-	-	-	-	-
Red-w. Blackbird	136	13	-	-	258	10	1	241	32	17
W. Meadowlark	4	-	3	50	-	12	1	-	-	7
Meadowlark sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	2	-	49
Yellow-h. Black.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	1	25	-	-	44	-	15
Brewer's Blackb.	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-
Common Grackle	-	-	-	-	5	4	17	1	348	-
Brown-h. Cowbird	-	-	-	-	8	4	29	1	1	-
blackbird sp.	-	-	-	-	87	-	3	-	29	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	13	19	9	21	9
House Finch	120	44	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	103	2	-	-	-
Pine Siskin	5	6	57	38	H	63	35	13	235	117
Am. Goldfinch	42	35	24	36	10	116	230	45	134	12
Evening Grosbeak	1	-	14	6	-	-	6	-	4	-
House Sparrow	486	60	460	540	40	4,901	3,282	1,843	2,285	1,560
Species reported	41	26	35	54	43	53	53	56	49	46
Add. races	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Present not seen	1	-	-	2	4	-	1	-	2	-
Total Individ.	8,286	7,891	26,918	10,331	1,126	13,799	8,511	32,955	10,856	3,969

to 1300 ft.; habitat coverage: deciduous creek bottoms 40%, rural farmland 25%, coniferous woods 15%, residential and cemeteries 10%, lakes 5%, city landfill 5%. Dec. 22; sunny. Temp. 40° - 50° at mid-day. Wind NW 10-20 mph. Ground 50% snow covered. Still fresh water frozen. George & Irene Alexander, Ann Bleed, Naomi Brill, Jan Burch, Cindy & David Cochran, Larry Eineman, Rev. Alfred Ernst, William Garthright, Daryl (compiler) and Margaret Giblin, Ellen Harrington, James Hayward, Shanna Hayward, Jeanette & Robert Helter, Esther Hirsch, Karla & Paul Kaufman, Ann Kelley, Margaret Lawrence, Michael Manning, Robert Manning, Pete Maslowski, Rosalind Morris, Rose Pulec, Kenneth Reitan, Hazel Schreiber, Don Showen, Francis Taylor, Lyle Vannier, Angela & Don Williams.

Norfolk, center intersection of US 275 (business route) and US 81, 13th St. and Norfolk Avenue.; elevation 1500 to 1600 ft.; habitat coverage: river bottom timber and shelterbelts 45%, farmsteads and farmlands 35%, residential 15%, marshlands and springs 5%. Dec. 21; 7 AM to 6 PM, AM overcast, fog,

PM mostly clear. Temp. 22° to 41° F. Wind SW 3-10 mph. Snow cover 2 to 4 in. Fresh water partly open. Wild food crop good. Twenty-eight observers, 25 in 9 parties, 3 at feeders. Total party-hours 46 (26 on foot, 20 by car), plus 12 hours at feeders. Total party-miles 245 (26 on foot, 219 by car). Ed M. Brogie, Ellen & Mark Brogie, Marian Burleigh, Harlow Butcher, Isolde & Roger G. Cutshall, Roger A. Cutshall, Ara Jane Dunlap, Robert Friedberg, Tom Gannon, Geraldine & Jerry Goodell, Layne Johnson, Don Kahler, Frances & Harvey Kirch, John & Willetta Lueshen, John Manning, Paul Pearson, David & Lois Stage, Delmer & Jan Littech, Phyllis F. Walker, Duane Wolff (compiler).

North Platte. center Centennial and Philip streets; elevation around 2810 ft.; Jan. 3; 8 AM to 5 PM, clear until 4:30 PM. Temp. 15° to 45° F. Wind 3 mph until about 2 PM, increased to 10-15 mph. until 3:30 PM, increased to 25-30 mph. Fields covered with snow, road conditions good. Four observers full time: Eva Mae Kieborz, Margaret Morton, Esther Newhouse, Carol Somerhalder; Harold Cunningham part time. Wilma Wyman, compiler.

Omaha. center Offutt Air Force Base Lake, to include Fontenelle Forest, Lake Manawa (Iowa) State Park, Plattsmouth Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of the Platte and Missouri rivers; elevation 985 to 1200 ft.; habitat coverage: woodlands 50%, cultivated fields 30%, meadows and grassy fields 8%, roadside ditches 5%, rivers and lakes 5%, residential, parks, and cemeteries 2%. Dec 28; 5:30 AM to 5 PM, mostly clear all day. Temp. 12° to 37° F. Wind SE 5-10 mph. Snow cover 0 to 2 in. Fresh water mostly frozen. Wild food crop good. Thirty-six observers, 34 in 11 parties, 2 at feeders. Total party-hours 86.25 (42 on foot, 44.25 by car) plus 2.5 hours at feeders, 3 owling; total party-miles 581.7 (43.7 on foot, 538 by car) plus 10 miles owling. Jeanne & Jon Bakehouse, Shelly Bonsall, Tanya Bray, Duane Bright, Ric Chamberlin, Kelly Clarke, Bennie Cohen, James Conway, James Ducey, Sue Gentes, James Glather, Ruth Green, Alan & Betty (compiler) Grenon, Gregg Hepner, Debbie Jensen, R. C. & Ray Korpi, James & Sandra Kovanda, Steve Matherly, Ralph Morocco, William Otto, Babs & Loren Padelford, Chris Rasmussen, Neal Ratzlaff, Harold & Marilyn Rock, Ross Silcock, Robert Starr, Jerry Toll, Barbara Wilson.

Scottsbluff, center bridge over North Platte River at S. Broadway, to include Scottsbluff and Gering; elevation 3810 to 5030 ft.; Dec. 21; 7 AM to 4 PM, mostly clear all day. Temp. 25° to 42° F. Wind W. 0-16 mph. Snow cover 0 to 12 in. Fresh water partly open. Wild food crop poor. Eight observers, 5 in 2 parties, 3 at feeders. Total party-hours 13 (1 on foot, 12 by car) plus 12 hours at feeders; total party-miles 171 (2.5 on foot, 168.5 by car). Joyce Brashear, Jamalee Clark, Mary Harvey, Helen Hughson, Alice (compiler) & Lee Kenitz, Lynne Vacanti, Nora Mae Vance, (Wildcat Audubon Society).

Tristate. center Mile 556 on the Missouri River, to include Nebraska City and the Missouri River bottoms and farmlands in Nebraska, Waubonsie State Park and Hamburg in Iowa, and extreme northwest Missouri down to the Nishnabotna River; elevation 900 to 1270 ft.; habitat coverage: farmland 50%, park, residential 25%, woodland 18%, streamside 5%, riverbank 2%. Dec, 22; 6 AM to 5 PM, nice day, brief period of wind in PM. Wind NW 0-15 mph. Snow cover 6-8 in., Nine observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours 18 (3 on foot, 15 by car) plus 4 hours at feeder, 1 owling; total party-miles 168 (2 on foot, 166 by car). Marjorie Birkman, Tanya Bray, Ione Getscher, Rebecca Johnson, Babs & Loren Padelford, Jacque & Ross (compiler) Silcock, Barbara Wilson.

Bill Huser reported that on the Sioux City count, taken Dec. 21, there were the following Dakota Co. Nebraska sightings, presumably at Snyder's Bend Lake, the state line (NBR 53:23): 2 Great Blue Herons, 1150 Mallards, Bald Eagle, Northern Shrike, Yellow-headed and Rusty Blackbirds, and these would qualify for "H": Northern Goshawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Evening Grosbeak.

1985 (TWENTY-EIGHTH) FALL OCCURRENCE REPORT

Two hundred eighty-five species (plus the possibility that the Empidonax species was one not listed) from eleven "full-time" locations and eight "spot check" locations are listed in this report. Comparable figures for previous years are 278 from 12 locations in 1984, 262 from 10 locations in 1983, and

269 from 10 locations in 1982.

The information is presented in a rough west (left) to east (right) order, with locations of about the same longitude listed with the northernmost first. Two dates indicate the first and last records for the period.

The symbols used in the headings and in the report for the "spot check" columns are given below. The average reader can just take any symbol shown as indication that the species was recorded in that area in the fall; those who want to know the date more definitely can refer to the symbols. Note that a specific symbol can have different meanings in the different columns.

and October. 37 species.

D Dawson Co. A for 28 July and B for 28 September observations by Ed and Mark Brogie and Ruth Green, who were attending Science Teachers' meetings at Camp Co-me-ca. 28 species.

F Fillmore Co. X for observations made 22 July by Lee and Shirley

	Scotts Bluff	R	S	G	C	McPh.	Lincoln	D	Hall	Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk	F	S	Lan-	Da-	W	Doug
		n							Howard						d	caster	kota		Sarpy
Common Loon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 24	-	-	Sp 7 No 7	-	-	-	No 3 No 23	Ot 17 Ot 26	1 o	Ot 27 No 24
Pied-billed Grebe	Jl 31 Ot 20	X A B	X	-	-	-	Sp 9	B	-	-	Jl 1 Ot 6	Sp 21 No 3	Au 10 Ot 27	-	e d	Au 24 No 16	S - No 24	1 o	S*- No 24
Horned Grebe	Ot 6 Ot 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 30	Ot 20	-	-	Ot 20 No 17	-	o	Ot 24 No 16
Red-neck. Gr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eared Grebe	Ot 1 Ot 20	- B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 24 No 20	-	-	-	Ot 19 No 16	-	-	-
Western Grebe	Ot 6 Ot 20	- A B	-	-	-	Au 20 Sp 1	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 15 No 16	-	-	-	Ot 19 Ot 20	-	-	Ot 21 No 16
American White Pelican	Sp 8	- A	X	-	-	-	-	B	Sp 20	-	-	Sp 21 Ot 12	-	X c	Sp 21 Ot 20	Sp 17	6 n c	Au*20 Ot 26	
Double-crested Cormorant	Ot 6 Ot 20	-	-	X	-	-	Sp 15 No 9	B	Sp 28	-	-	Sp 21 No 16	Sp 8 No 23	X c d	Au 17 No 24	Ot 17 No 17	m o	Au 31 No 30	
American Bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 20	-	-	S - Au 18	Sp 24	Ot 6	X	-	Au 31 No 10	-	-	-
Least Bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 6 Au 24	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
Great Blue Heron	P	X	-	-	a	Jl 1 Sp 1	Sp 24	- S - Ot 13	Sp 25	S - No 4	Sp 21 No 3	Jl 14 Dm 7	X a d	S - Dm 15	S - Dm 21	1 No 16	S - No 16	-	-
Great Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 21	-	-	Sp 21	Au*20 Sp 8	X c d	Jl 20 Ot 19	Sp 8	-	Au 31 Ot 26	-	-
Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 20 Au 10	-	-	-
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au±16 Au 25	X - Sp 19	Jl 13 Sp 19	-	-	Jl 21 Sp 14		
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 25	Au 18	-	-	-	-	c	-	-	-	-	-
Green-backed Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 30	-	-	Sp 23	-	S - Sp 1	-	a	S - Sp 28	-	-	S - Sp 21

in *Iowa Bird Life* (55:120 ff.) which are earlier or later than the Padelord's records. The Tree Swallow count was 8,000. Although they mention the Eider sp. from 10 to 24 November they had no DeSoto date for Tundra Swan, but did say that "there were sightings across the entire northern half of the state (Iowa) including 14 counties" and "500 at Lock and Dam 9, Allamakee Co." Iowa's DeSoto observations are included because it would be difficult for these birds to be in Iowa and not also in Nebraska. The most easily accessed view points are on the inside (Nebraska) of the horseshoe. The other observations, 3 (h), 4 (l), 6 (m), 9 (N), 13 (n), 14 (o), 20 (p), and 27 (q) November and 6 (r) December, are by Babs and Loren Padelord. Photographs of the Eiders are being circulated to be sure of the species, probably King or Common. 43 Species.

The symbols used in the "full-time" columns are:
Jl, Au, Sp, Ot, No, and Dm for the months.
NR for species probably present but for which no records were made.

	Scotts Bluff	R n	S	G	C	McPh.	Lin- coln	D	Hall Howard	Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk	F	S	Lan- caster	Da- kota	W	Doug Sarpy
Redhead	-	-	-	-	a	-	-	-	-	S - Au 18	No 10 No 13	Ot 12 No 20	Ot 25	-	d	Ot 19 No 2	No 16 No 23	-	No 10 No 16
Ring-necked Duck	No 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 29 No 16	No 10	-	-	No 2 No 17	No 16 No 17	l	No 10 No 16
Greater Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	No 23
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 19 No 29	Ot 22 No 20	-	-	-	Ot 19 Dm 8	No 16 No 24	1	Au 25 No 16
Eider species	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-
Oldsquaw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No*19 No 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	d	-
Surf Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	-
White-winged Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 24	-	-	-	-	-	l	-
Common Goldeneye	No 30 Dm 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 13 Dm 31	Ot 24 No 20	-	-	-	No 16 Dm 29	No 17 Dm 21	n	No 10 No 28
Bufflehead	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 24 No 20	-	-	-	Ot 20 Dm 8	No 16 No 17	o	No 3 No 17
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 10	No 10 No 16	-	-	-	No 17	No 16	n	No 5 No 17
Common Merganser	Ot 6 Dm 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 12 No 19	No 20	No 23	-	-	Ot 19 Dm 29	No 21 Dm 21	-	No 12 No 30
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 10 No 16
Ruddy Duck	Ot 20	-	A	-	-	Au 22 Sp 1	Sp 20	-	-	-	No 11	Sp 24 No 16	No 3	-	d	Ot 19 No 3	No 16 No 24	1	Ot 17 No 16
Turkey Vulture	S - Au 25	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	Au 20 Dm 12	-	-	-	-	-	a	Sp 22	-	-	Au 20 Sp 20

Osprey	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 20	-	-	-	-	Sp* x	-	-	-	Sp 21	Sp 12	-	Sp 8
						No 9											Ot 26	
Mississippi Kite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
											Sp 8							
Bald Eagle	No 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dm 12	-	No 10	No 16	No 23	-	-	No 17	Ot 17	1	Ot*20
	Dm 21									Dm 31					Dm 8	Dm 30	p	Dm 28
Northern Harrier	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	Sp 24	B	Sp 22	Sp 15	Sp 2	Ot 12	Sp 1	-	c	Sp 21	Sp 7	1	Sp 20
								Dm 20		Dm 31	No 20	-	W	d	Dm 29		n	No 23
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	-	-			Sp 15	-	No 20	-	-	No 5	Ot 12	-	Sp 7
										Dm 26		-	W		Dm 22	Dm 21		Dm 28
Cooper's Hawk	Ot 20	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 22	Ot 12	-	Sp 15
															Dm 22			Sp 23
Northern Goshawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dm 26	-	-
																Dm 27		
Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 22
																		Sp 23
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	A	-	-	Jl 1	Sp 22	-	No 28	Jl 7	S	-	-	Sp 28	-	Au 10	-	-
						Sp x				Sp 15				Ot 6	Sp 22			Sp 23
Red-tailed Hawk	P	X	A	X	-	-	Sp 30	B	P	Ot 30	P	Sp 24	P	-	d	P	(P)	1
							No 9					Dm 7					o	P
Ferruginous Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 1	B	-	-	Dm 27	-	Jl 23	-	-	Ot 21	-	-
							No 9				Dm 31		Ot 27					
Rough-legged Hawk	No 14	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 24	-	No 8	Sp 2	No 8	Dm 7	No 9	-	-	Ot 19	No 16	n
	Dm 21						No 9	Dm 12			Dm 31		-	W		Dm 28	q	No 16
Golden Eagle	-	X	-	-	-	Ot 15	-	-	Dm 12	-	No 3	-	-	-	-	-	b	-
											Dm 31							
American Kestrel	P	X	-	X	a	-	Sp 24	-	P	NR	P	Sp 21	Jl 7	-	a	P	(P)	N
							No 9					Dm 7	-	W	c		o	P
Merlin	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 9
	Dm 21																	
Peregr. Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 21
Prairie Falcon	P	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 10	-	No*	x	-	-	-	-	-

P to indicate a species which is present all of the year, although the same individuals may not be present during the whole year, and the numbers may vary greatly.
(P) for probable permanent residents for which few or no records were made during the year.
S - to indicate a species which arrived before 1 July and was reported on the Spring Occurrence Report.
S - W to indicate much the same thing as P, but where the situation is not always the case.
- W to indicate a species which remained after 31 December (but the lack of such an indication does not necessarily mean the species did not remain).
x when the exact date in a month is not known.
* to indicate that there are comments in the text.
The full-time reporting locations, contributors (to the extent known), and special comments are:

Hall, see Howard.
Howard (and Hall), St. Libory, 111 species, Bill Schleicher, reporter,
Leroy Burkman, Clara MacCann, Wayne Mollhoff, Helen Seim, George Stoppkotte.
Lancaster, Lincoln, 195 species, Tanya Bray, William C. Garthright, Karla
and Paul Kaufman, Thomas E. Labedz, Larry Einemann, Mabel B. Ott, and
Babs and Loren Padelford, reporters, Dave and Cindy Cochran, Bob and Jeanette

Yellowlegs sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No*	3	-	-	-	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	Jl 9 Ot 12	A - B	-	-	Sp 24	-	S - Jl 7	Sp 23 Sp 22	Jl 20 Ot 10	a S c Sp	28	-	-	-	-	-
Solitary Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 23	Sp 7 Au 17	Jl 7 Au 20	12 20	-	-	-	-	-
Millet	-	A -	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 7	-	Ot 10	-	-	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	-	X -	-	-	-	-	Sp 28 Jl 7	Jl 1 Jl 22	-	S - Sp 8	a S 8	-	-	-	-	-
Upland Sandpiper	Jl 14	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 31	Jl 1 Jl 22	-	S - Jl 28	-	Jl 14 Au 10	-	-	-	-
Long-billed Curlew	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanderling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 7 Ot 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 7 Sp 7	Sp 8 Sp 7	-	S - Sp 21	-	-	-	-	-
W. Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 2 Sp 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Least Sandpiper	-	B -	-	-	-	-	Sp 28 Ot 13	-	Sp 23 Sp 28	Jl 20 X -	-	Jl 6 Sp 28	-	-	-	-
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp* 1 Sp 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baird's Sandpiper	Au 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 30 Ot 19	Au 25 Sp 8	-	Sp 8 Ot 26	-	-	-	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 22 Au 7	Sp 23 Ot 24	X c Ot 12	Jl 6 Ot 21	-	-	-	-
Dunlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 17 Ot 24	-	-	Ot 20 Ot 21	-	-	-
Stilt Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 22 Au 7	Sp 21 Sp 23	Sp 8 d Sp	c Jl 12 Sp 8	-	-	-	-
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 23 Sp 24	-	-	-	-	-	-

Helter, Ellen Harrington, Frances Taylor. A Brown Thrasher and a Rufous-sided Towhee were reported on the Christmas Count, 22 December. Tom Labeledz reported both a Northern Waterthrush and a Waterthrush sp. on 22 September.

Lincoln, North Platte, 67 species, Mrs. A. B. Gundlicks, reporter.

McPherson, Tryon, 63 species, Mrs. Oona Bassett, reporter. She winters in Arizona, so winter birds are not represented on the report.

Pierce, primarily Willow Creek Recreation Area, 119 species, Mark Brogie, reporter, Harlo Butcher, B. J. Rose, David and Lois Stage. The report starts with September, and after Willow Creek froze over in late November his visits tapered off. The Oldsquaw was seen at the Pierce Sewage Ponds by B. J. Rose, and the next day at Willow Creek by Harlo Butcher. The Osprey was seen in late September by the assistant manager of Willow Creek, but he could not give an exact date. The Red Phalarope was reported in the December issue (53:72)

Polk, Polk, 151 species and the possibility that one of the Meadowlark

	Scotts Bluff	R S G C	McPh.	Lincoln	D Howard	Hall Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk	F S	Lan-caster	Da-kota	W Doug
S-b. Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 20	-	-	Ot 12	-	-	-	-
Dowitcher sp.	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	Au 25	-	-	-	-
									Ot 25				
L-b. Dowitcher	Au 22	-	-	-	-	Ot 13	Jl 22	Ot 12	Sp 28	-	-	-	Ot 13
	Ot 12					Au 7	Ot 24	Ot 12	d				Ot 26
Common Snipe	Ot 9	-	-	-	Ot 17	-	No 3	Ot 24	Au 11	-	c	Jl 13	Ot 20
	Ot 12						No 10	Ot 6	d	d	d	Ot 22	No 16
Am. Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 17
Wilson's Phalarope	Sp 4	-	A	-	-	Au 18	Jl 22	-	Au 18	-	c	Jl 12	-
	Sp 17	B	Sp 1			Sp 15					Jl 14		-
Red-necked Phalarope	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 6	Sp 23	-	-	-	-	-
								Sp 24					-
Red Phalarope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp*23	-	-	-	-
Franklin's Gull	Sp 1	-	-	-	-	Sp 30	-	Sp 21	Ot 6	-	c	Ot 4	Sp 20
	Ot 29							Ot 26	d	d	Ot 27		No 10
Black-head. G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No*18
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 26	-	-	Ot 19	-	Ot 26
											No 23		No 10
Ring-billed Gull	Sp 6	-	-	-	-	B Sp 20	-	Sp 21	Sp 8	-	c	Au 17	Sp 7
	No 7							No 20	Ot 6		No 24		No 21
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 8	-	-	-	Ot 21	-	No 10
							No 12				No 24		No 21
Caspian Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 21	-	-	-	-	Sp 27
								Sp 23					
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 24	-	-	-	Au 20	Sp 21
								Ot 12					
Least Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 28	-	-	S	-
											Jl 20	Jl 13	-
Black Tern	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 2	-	Sp 21	Jl 20	-	b	Jl 12	-
											c	Au 25	-

sp. was an Eastern, Norris Alfred, reporter, Lennis Lind, Lee Morris, Donna Loschen. The Great Egret and the Vesper Sparrows were there before the dates given. Lee Morris saw two Prairie Falcons before 10 November. The Yellowlegs seen 3 November had a limp, which might have indicated injuries that delayed its departure. Lee Morris commented that the concentration of White-rumped Sandpipers on 1 September, and of the Great Egrets and White-faced Ibis on 28 September were greater than he had seen before. The LeConte's Sparrows were the first Lee Morris had seen in the area for several years.

Sarpy, see Douglas.

Scotts Bluff, Gering, 147 species, Alice Kenitz, reporter, Mary Ann Banghart, Audrey and Peter Barnhart, Lydia Bolz, Joyce Brashear, Sherry McCoy, Lynne Vacanti. The Saw-whet Owl was seen in Riverside Park by the Barnharts in July, and Lynne Vacanti had one in her back yard 17 August. The Great Crested Flycatcher was in Mrs. Brashear's yard in Scottsbluff. The 11 October

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Stellar's Jay was in Mrs. Kenitz's yard, south of Gering. She did not see it again, but one or two have been at a feeder near Lake Minatare since around the first of November, and up to four have been at a feeder about six miles north of Morrill (which would put them in Sioux Co.), and one or two have been at a feeder near Henry.

NOTES

CORRECTION TO CRESCENT LAKE ITEMS. Mark J. Heisinger's name was misspelled in the Crescent Lake items in the December issue -- MBR 53, pages 53 and 80 (twice), and Kevin J. Brennan was misspelled the first time mentioned on page 72.

HERON ROOKERY. When South Sioux City pilot Gene Martin flew over an area of mature cottonwoods along the Missouri River, near Homer, Neb.,

	Scotts Bluff	R n	S	G	C	McPh.	Lin- coln	D	Hall Howard	Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk	F	S	Lan- caster	Da- kota	W	Doug. Sarpy
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 10 Sp 29	-	-	Au 10 Sp*22
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Jl 26 Au 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	Au* 7 Au 13	-	-	-	-	Au 15 Au 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 10 No 17
Belted Kingfisher	P	X	-	-	-	-	Sp 17	B	S - Dm 12	(P)	S - No 13	Sp 24 Ot 12	S - Dm 7	-	c	P	S - Dm 21	-	S - No 16
Red-headed Woodpecker	-	X	-	-	-	-	Sp 20	B	S - Sp 14	Sp 2	S - Sp 15	-	S - No 10	-	a	S - Sp 26	S - Dm 31	1	S - Dm 29
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	P	-	Ot 27 - W	-	a	P	P	-	P
Y-b. Sapsucker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dm 22	-	1	-
Downy Woodp.	P	-	-	-	a	-	(P)	-	P	(P)	P	Ot 24	P	-	a	P	P	-	P
Hairy Woodp.	P	X	-	-	a	-	P	-	P	(P)	P	Ot 24	P	-	a	(P)	P	-	P
Northern Flickere	P	X	-	-	a	Jl 1 Sp 4	(P)	B	P	(P)	P	Ot 12	P	-	a	P	P	r	P
Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4	-	-	-	-	Sp 12 Sp 20	-	-	Jl 22 Sp 22
Western Wood-Pewee	S - Au 30	X	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Wood-Pewee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 15	-	-	-	-	S - Sp 22	S - Au 29	-	S - Sp 23
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 17 Au 22
Arcadian Flyc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 22	-	-	-
Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	Au 19 Sp 2	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 15	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 14	-	-	Au 22
Least Flycatcher	Sp 11 Sp 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 8	-	-	Au 19 Au 20	-	-	Au 22 Sp 21

--- Bill Huser, 319 W. 17th St., South Sioux City, Neb. 68775

YORK COUNTY: We have lots of water in our basins again now (5 August 1985) and lots of waterfowl showing up. I've never seen so many Great Blue Herons around here before. We counted 25 of them and one Great Egret in our basin today at one time. I'm sure there were a lot more still out of sight in the tall grass. Norris Alfred and I have been out birding a few times

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--- Lee Morris, Rt. 1, Box 14, Benedict, Neb. 68316

WATERFOWL CONCENTRATION. From about 9 November 1985 until at

	Scotts Bluff	R n	S C	G McPh.	Linncoln	D	Hall Howard	Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk F S	Lan- caster	Da-kota	W Doug-Sarpy
Pinyon Jay	P	X - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-billed Magpie	P	X - - - -	-	Sp No	20 9	B	P	(P)	P	Ot 26	Jl 7 - W	No 16	-	-
American Crow	P	X - - a	-	Ot No	25 9	-	P	(P)	P	Sp 21 No 16	P - a	P	P	- P
B-c. Chickadee	P	X B - - J l	1	(P)	B	P	P	(P)	P	Ot 24	P - a	P	P	- P
Tuft. Titmouse	-	- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	-	-	- P
Red-breasted Nuthatch	(P)	- - - a	Au Sp	27 18	Ot No	11 9	- Dm	10 27	Ot 27	No 7 Dm 31	Ot 26 Dm 15	No 10 Dm 28	-	- Au 31 Dm 31
White-breasted Nuthatch	-	X - - a	-	No	1 - No 9	Ot 13 Dm 22	No 5 Dm 31	P	Ot 26	Jl 14 - W	- a	P	(P)	- P
Brown Creeper	-	- - - -	Au 26 Au 28	-	-	No 15 Dm 22	Ot 27 Dm 30	Ot 21 Dm 31	-	Ot 27 No 3	-	Ot 26 Dm 22	Dm 30	- Ot 11 Dm 31
Rock Wren	S - Ot 12	X - - - -	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	-	-	-
Carolina Wren	-	- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	Dm 22	-	- Au 14 Dm 1
House Wren	S - Sp 6	X B - a	Au 25	-	-	S - Ot 5	Sp 24	S - Sp 23	-	S - Au 4	- a	S - Sp 28	N R	- S - Ot 11
Winter Wren	-	- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	No 9	-	- Sp 26 No 20
Sedge Wren	-	- - - - -	-	Ot	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	Ot 20	-	- Ot 13
Marsh Wren	-	- A - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	-	-	- Jl 24 Ot 29
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Dm 21	- - - - -	-	-	-	No 10 Dm 20	Ot 13	Ot 7 No 20	Ot 24	Ot 20	-	Ot 7 Dm 28	-	- Sp 30 No 14
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Ot 12	- - - - -	-	-	-	-	Ot 2	Sp 23 Ot 27	No 12 Ot 31	Ot 20 Ot 26	-	Sp 20 No 3	Ot 5 Ot 26	- Sp 12 Ot 29
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -	-	-	- S - Sp 11

least the 19th there were about 10,000 Snow Geese in this area, mostly on Rogert's lake. Local people say that this has not occurred since the 1950's. There were some Canadas in with them. A week later thousands of Mallards arrived, but since Rogert's lake was full of the geese they were staying on a lake across the road, to the east. There were some Ruddies and Canvasbacks in with them. Both the ducks and the geese are feeding on fields where the corn has been harvested.

--- Marjorie Graf, 509 Washington St., Waterloo, Neb. 68069

MINDEN NOTES. I found a Dickcissel nest with 3 young on 30 June 1985. The nest was empty 7 July. On 11 August I saw a Peregrine Falcon in Adams Co. On 10 August I saw about a dozen Cattle Egrets and a Great Blue Heron, but on 16 August the Cattle Egrets were fewer. On 25 August we heard a Yellow-billed Cuckoo and saw a group of Swainson's Hawks. I saw 3 Grasshopper

Eastern Bluebird	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	Au 14	Ot 21	-	S -	-	S -	Ot 24	S -	a	S -	-	-	Ot 11
Mountain Bluebird	Ot 3	X	-	-	-	-	Ot 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 5
Townsend's Solitaire	Ot 7	X	-	-	-	Sp 17	-	-	Dm 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Veery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 22	-	-	Sp 10
Swainson's Thrush	Sp 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4	-	-	-	Sp 6	-	-	Au 31
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 20	-	Ot 21	-	-	Ot 11	
Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 23	-	-	Ot 29	
American Robin	P	X	B	-	a	Jl 1	(P)	B	S -	No 4	P	Sp 21	S -	X	a	S -	Sp 10	
Gray Catbird	-	X	-	-	Au 25	-	-	S -	Au 18	S -	-	S -	a	S -	S -	-	Dm 31	
Northern Mockingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S -	-	-	-	S -	-	Jl 7	-	-	Sp 26	
Brown Thrasher	S -	X	-	-	Jl 1	-	-	S -	Ot 2	S -	-	S -	X	a	S -	NR	S -	
Water Pipit	Sp 2	-	-	-	Sp 5	-	-	Au 21	-	No 4	-	Au 25	Ot*24	-	Ot 26	-	-	
Sprague's P.	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 24	No 10	-	-	-	-	
Cedar Waxwing	Au 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 26	-	-	-	-	-	
Northern Shrike	Jl 13	X	-	-	-	Sp 21	Sp 28	S -	Ot 20	Ot 24	Ot 24	Dm 1	-	S -	S -	1	S -	
Loggerhead Shrike	No 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 27	-	No 12	-	-	-	Dm 22	No 17	-	Dm 28	
European Starling	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 13	-	-	-	-	Dm 21	-	Dm 29	
	Dm 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dm 31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Jl 21	-	B	X	-	-	Sp 20	-	Jl 5	Jl 31	S -	Ot 26	Dm 7	-	a	Jl 20	-	
	Au 16	-	-	-	-	-	No 9	Au 21	Sp 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 11	
	P	X	-	-	a	Ot 31	(P)	-	P	(P)	P	Sp 21	P	X	a	P	Sp 2	
																	P	

The next day a farmer from the area stopped to report to us that he had seen what he believed to be two white Sandhill Cranes the week before, at the same location.

WHOOPING CRANES. There were 5 confirmed sightings of Whooping Cranes in Nebraska in the fall of 1985: 4 adults flying over the Platte near Camp Augustine, 3 m. south of Grand Island, Hall Co., 12 October; 3 adults 1.5 m. east of N 10 bridge over the Platte, Buffalo Co., 21 October; 2 adults and 1 young, 16 m. SW of Cody, Cherry Co., 30-31 October; 2 adults and

B-t. Green W.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 26	-	-	Sp 21	
Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 22 Sp 23	-	-	Au 28 Sp 23
Pine Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 21	-	-	-
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 26 Sp 23
Black-and-white Warbler	Ot 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 22 Ot 12	-	Au 27 Sp 23	
American Redstart	Au 17	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 13 Sp 22	-	S - Sp 26	
Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 22	
Ovenbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 23	-	-	-	-	Sp 22 Sp 24	-	S - Ot 10	
Northern Waterthrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp*22 Sp 24	-	-	Au 26 Sp 22
Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 11 Sp 21
Conn. Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mourning Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 22	-	-	Au 26 Sp 21
Common Yellowthroat	Jl 12 Jl 31	X	A	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 10	S - Jl 31	S - Sp 23	-	Jl 7 - Jl 28	a S - b Sp 22	NR	-	S - Sp 26		
Wilson's Warbler	Sp 2 Ot 1	-	-	a	Au 26 Sp 21	Sp 19 - Sp 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Au 8 Sp 28	-	Au 22 Sp 22	
Canada Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 4 Sp 5	-	Au 28 Sp 7	
Yellow-breast. Chat	S - Au 17	X -	-	-	Au 23 Sp 4	-	-	S - Au 10	-	-	Sp 4	-	-	-	-	Sp 22	-	-	-
Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp* 7 Ot 30
Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Jl 2 Sp 23

1 young at Lake Maloney, Lincoln Co., 31 October; and 5 adults 16 m. NNE of Stapleton, Logan Co., 10 November.

There were 7 probable sightings: 2.5 m. S of Comstock, Custer Co., 28 September; 3.8 m. NE of Tryon, McPherson Co., 16 October; seven 3 m. WNW of Fairfield, Clay Co., 21 October; 2 at Lake Helen, Gothenburg, Dawson Co., 29 October; 5.20 m. NNW of Brownlee, Cherry Co., 9 November; 6.10 m. S. of Callaway; Custer Co., 10 November; and 2 at the I-80 Interchange WSW of Wood River, Hall Co., 17 November.

There were 4 unconfirmed sightings: 2 flying 4 m. NNW of Cairo, Howard Co., 24 October; 3 on N. Loup River, 6 m. E. of Brewster, Blaine Co., 30 October; 5.3 m. WSW of Ordinance Plant, Hall Co., 11 November; and 6 flying 2 m. E. of Arnold, Custer Co., 10 November.

The Fish and Wildlife Service office in Grand Island also reported that as of 30 December all 16 Canadian young had arrived at Aransas, and 78 older birds. Since 84 left for Canada in the spring, 6 older birds are unaccounted

	Scotts Bluff	R	S	G	C	McPh.	Lin- coln	D	Hall Howard	Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk	F	S	Lan- caster	Da- kota	W	Doug. Sarpy
Western Tanager	Au 30 Sp 18	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. Cardinal	Jl 17	-	-	-	a	-	(P)	-	P	(P)	P	(P)	P	-	a	P	P	-	P
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 26	S - Jl 7	S - Sp 18	-	Jl 14 Jl 20	-	a	S - Sp 22	NR	-	S - Sp 26
Black-headed Grosbeak	Sp 4	X	-	-	-	Au 10 Au 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Grosbeak	S - Sp 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 3	-	S - Sp 1	-	a	Jl 6 Au 20	-	-	S - Au 11
Lazuli Bunting	S - Sp 3	-	-	-	-	Au 31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 15	S - Jl 7	S - Au 5	-	S - Au 4	-	a	S - Au 20	S - Jl 20	-	S - Sp 21
Dickcissel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 20	S - Au 1	S - Au 15	-	S - Au 4	-	a	S - Sp 8	S - Jl 20	-	S - Au 15
Green-t. Tow.	Ot 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	S - Ot 12	X	-	-	a	Sp 7 Ot 23	Sp 23	A	S - Ot 13	Sp 28 Dm 18	S - No 10	-	Jl 14 Sp 28	-	-	S - Ot*26	-	-	S - Ot 23
Am. Tree Sparrow	Ot 12 Dm 31	-	-	-	-	Ot 15 Ot 31	Ot 23	-	No 3 Dm 30	-	No 2 No 29	Ot 24	Ot 13 - W	-	-	Sp 5 Dm 29	Ot 26 Dm 31	1	Sp 14 Dm 25
Chipping Sparrow	S - Ot 12	X	-	-	-	Jl 30 Sp 2	-	-	S - Au 30	Ot 27	S - Au 15	-	Jl 20 Jl 28	-	-	S - Ot 25	NR	-	S - Ot 15
Clay-colored Sparrow	Ot 12	-	-	-	-	Au 26 Sp 20	-	B	-	-	Sp 23	-	Ot 6	-	-	Sp 22	-	-	Ot 7
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	a	Au 23 Sp 20	-	B	S - Au 20	Ot 27	S - Au 17	Ot 26	Jl 14 Ot 20	-	a	S - Ot 26	NR	-	S - Sp 2
Vesper Sparrow	Sp 9 Sp 18	X	-	-	a	-	Sp 24	B	-	-	Sp 2 Ot 13	Sp 24	Sp*28 No 3	-	-	Ot 12 Ot 20	-	-	-
Lark Sparrow	S - Sp 6	X	-	-	-	Jl 1 Au 25	Sp 9	B	S - Au 28	-	S - Au 1	-	S - Jl 28	-	-	-	-	-	S - Jl 2

Grus americana (25:1) reports that as of late December 24 adult and 4 juvenile Whoopers were in New Mexico, but Dr. Roderick Drewn believes that more than 30 are alive. Two of these birds migrated east of the Rockies this year.

Lark Bunting	S - Au 26	X	B	-	-	-	-	S - Au 12	-	-	-	Sp 7	S - Jl 24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sp 10	Ot 12 Ot 29	Jl 14 Ot 20	-	-	Ot 12 Ot 21	-	-	Sp 2	
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	S - Au 30	-	S - Au 18	-	S - Au 11	-	a	S - Ot 13	-	-	-	Au 2
Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot*13 Ot 25	-	-	Ot 12 Ot 27	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-	Ot 17 Ot 19	-	-	-	-	No 3 No 19	-	-	-	-	Ot 11 Ot 27	Ot 26	-	Ot 8 Ot 29	
Song Sparrow	-	X	-	-	-	Sp 23	-	-	-	P	Ot 24 Ot 26	Jl 14 Ot 25	-	a	P	(P)	1	Jl 4 No 2	
Lincoln's Sparrow	Ot 12	-	-	-	Sp 2	-	-	-	-	Sp 10 Ot 13	Ot 19	Jl 14 Ot 20	-	Sp 22 Ot 29	Ot 5 Dm 21	-	Au 27 Ot 29		
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Dm 31	-	-	-	-	Ot 10 Ot 26	Ot 20	Ot 13 Ot 29		
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-	Sp 22 Ot 2	-	-	No 28 Dm 12	-	Ot 13 Ot 25	Ot 24	Ot 20	-	Sp 28 Dm 27	Ot 26	-	Ot 8 Dm 31		
White-crowned Sparrow	Sp 28 Dm 21	-	-	-	a Sp 17 Ot 7	-	B Dm 4 Dm 31	-	Ot 13 Ot 15	Ot 24	Ot 20 - W	-	Sp 22 Dm 15	-	-	-	Ot 26		
Harris' Sparrow	Ot 12 Dm 25	-	-	-	a Ot 1 Ot 19	Ot 21	-	No 28 Dm 31	Ot 2 Dm 31	Ot 13 Dm 31	Ot 19 Ot 26	Ot 13 - W	-	Ot 7 Dm 29	Ot 5	1	Ot 10 Dm 31		
Dark-eyed Junco	Sp 9 Dm 31	-	-	-	a Ot 1 Ot 31	Ot 25 No 9	-	Ot 28 Dm 31	Ot 11 Dm 31	Ot 13 Dm 31	Ot 26 No 16	Ot 20 - W	-	Sp 28 Dm 31	Ot 17 Dm 31	1	Sp 26 Dm 31		
Lapland Longspur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 9 No 10	No 10	No 10 - W	-	-	-	-	No 20 No 23		
Snow Bunting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 28 Dm 25	-	-	-	-	No 29 Dm 27	-	-	-	
Bobolink	Jl 4 Jl 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 25	-	S - Au 10	-	S - Jl 20	-	S - Au 23	-	-	S - Jl 4		
Red-winged Blackbird	P	X	B	X	a	Jl 1 Ot 30	Sp 30	-	S - Ot 13	Sp 15	P	Sp 21 Ot 24	S - - W	X	a	S - Dm 29	S - Dm 26	1	S - Dm 31

Two male Purple Finches were at an Auburn feeder 29 December. During the winter Red-headed Woodpeckers were the most commonly observed woodpeckers at Indian Cave State Park. There were large flocks of Robins in southeast Nebraska this winter. The largest probably was one of over 300 in Otoe Co. on 24 January. They appeared to be flying to a roost.

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BARN-OWL. On 22 September 1984 I saw an immature Barn-Owl in a corn field near Holdrege, in Phelps Co.

--- Gloria Erickson, 315 18th Ave., Holdrege, Neb. 68949

BARRED OWL IN KNOX COUNTY. The first week in June 1985 I heard a Barred Owl calling on our river acres about half a mile north of Bohemia Prairie Wildlife Management Area, which is about 9 miles southwest of Niobrara.

	Scotts Bluff	R n	S	G	C	McPh.	Lin- coln	D	Hall Howard	Adams	Boone	Pierce	Polk	F	S	Lan- caster	Da- kota	W	Doug. Sarpy
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 20	Ot 25	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 20	-	-	-
Meadowlark sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	P	-	-	P
Western Meadowlark	P	X	A	-	a	Jl 1 Sp 11	(P)	B	S - Dm 12	-	S - No 29	Sp 23 No 20	Jl 20 Dm 15	-	a	S - Dm 8	S - Ot 20	-	S - Dm 20
Yellow-headed Blackbird	S - Ot 12	X	A	X	-	Jl 1 Ot 30	Sp 20	-	Au 5	Sp 15	S - Dm 31	-	Jl 7 Ot 25	X	c	S - Sp 21	S - Dm 21	-	S - Jl 7
Rusty Blackbird	Sp 23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 3 Dm 31	Ot 24	Ot 25 Dm 15	-	-	-	Ot 17 Dm 21	-	Ot 16 No 10
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 21	-	-	-	Dm 27 Dm 31	-	Ot 20 No 10	-	-	Ot 19	-	-	-
Great-tailed Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 28	S - Jl x	-	-	-	-	X	S - Dm 11	-	-	-
Common Grackle	S - Ot 20	X	-	-	-	Jl 1 Sp 3	Sp 26	-	S - Au x	Sp 16	S - Dm 31	Ot 12 No 16	S - No 10	X	a	S - b Dm 29	S - No 17	-	S - Dm 29
Brown-headed Cowbird	S - Sp 20	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	S - Au 31	Ot 2	S - Dm 31	Ot 24	S - No 10	-	a	S - Dm 29	S - Ot 26	-	S - No 1
Orchard Oriole	S - Sp 15	-	B	-	-	Jl 1 Au 22	-	-	S - Au 28	S - Jl 7	S - Sp 9	-	S - Jl 14	-	a	S - Au 10	-	-	S - Au 2
Northern Oriole	S - Sp 4	-	-	-	a	-	-	-	S - Au 31	Au 27	S - Sp 18	-	S - Sp 8	-	a	S - Sp 9	NR	-	S - Sp 10
Rosy Finch	No x Dm 31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 24	-	No 23 Dm 15	-	-	Dm 8 Dm 29	Dm 27 Dm 31	-	Ot 15 Dm 28
Cassin's Finch	Au 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Finch	P	-	-	-	a	-	(P)	-	-	(P)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dm 12	-	-	-	No 23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No 9 Dm 15	-	-	-	-	Dm 22 Dm 27	-	-	-

--- Lona Schreier, Box G., Verdiare, Nebraska 68783

CASSINS'S KINGBIRDS. On 25 July 1985 I was in Banner Co., working on the Breeding Bird Atlas in a nice windbreak, with good-sized Siberian elms, pines, and junipers. I was first attracted by a very different voice, which seemed to be coming from Western Kingbirds. As I watched these birds they did not seem to act quite like Western Kingbirds -- they were not as active or as quick to dart out. When I finally gathered my wits and began to figure out the possibilities I looked carefully at the tail and could see no white outer tail feathers. The identification was confirmed in my mind when I got home and listened to recordings of Cassin's Kingbirds -- no doubt at that point. Because there were also Western Kingbirds in the windbreak, it is a little difficult to tell exactly how many Cassin's were present, but from the calling that was going on there had to be at least three.

WACHISKA AUDUBON SOCIETY (LINCOLN) BLUEBIRD PROJECT. We volunteered to manage the Game and Parks Commission Bluebird trails in Lancaster and Seward counties in addition to our own trail at Nine-mile Prairie. During the first 6 months we removed most of the existing boxes, repaired, cleaned, and modified them, and replaced them in more suitable locations. We covered the entrance holes for the winter to prevent mice from destroying the boxes. We monitored 162 nest boxes on 15 trails, but only 87 boxes on 6 trails were patrolled weekly. Because of limited manpower, the remaining 75 boxes on 9 trails were patrolled irregularly -- as often as possible, but seldom more than once every 2 to 4 weeks.

If the used nest from the first brood is removed from the box, often the female Bluebird will start a new nest while the male continues to care for the fledglings. We fledged 106 young from first broods, 82 from second broods, and 7 from the 2 pairs of adults that successfully nested 3 times this summer. One of the latter pairs was the first to begin nesting, with a full clutch of eggs discovered 6 April. Most birds finished nesting by the end of July, though several continued through much of August.

Our greatest problem has been competition from House Wrens. Particularly troublesome at Twin Lakes, they would puncture and remove Bluebird eggs and fill the boxes with twigs. Despite our best efforts to discourage them -- this is where weekly patrolling really made a difference

Species	Sex	Age	Year	Month	Day	Time	Location	Observer	Notes
Pine Siskin	S	-	-	-	-	-	Ot 25 - Sp 28	NR	No 9 - No 27 - No 9 No 23 - Ot 5
	Dm	31					No 9 Dm 30		Dm 31 Dm 31 Dm 31
American Goldfinch	P	X	-	-	a	Ot 1	Ot 25 B P	(P)	P Ot 19 P - a P - P
						Ot 2	No 9		b
Evening Grosbeak	Ot	12	-	-	-	-	-	Dm 12	-
	Dm	26							No 10 - No 8 Dm 30 - No 6
									- W Dm 29 Dm 31 No 9
House Sparrow	P	X	A	-	a	Jl 1	(P)	(P)	Sp 7 P X a P - P
						Ot 30			Dm 7

-- we probably fledged more Wrens than Bluebirds. House Sparrows were also a problem, especially at Branched Oak Lake. Since they are not protected by law, however, we could toss out nests, even if they contained eggs. For this reason, we fledged Sparrows only when a trail was not patrolled for several weeks. Sparrows are very aggressive birds that will drive away Bluebirds and usurp their nesting places. They are also a serious hazard because they are known to enter the boxes and kill both the young and adult occupants. As far as we know, we have not yet lost any Bluebirds, but we suspect House Sparrows of killing the Wrens we've found pecked to death inside some of the boxes.

Since Tree Swallows are not that common here, we've been encouraging their use of our boxes. Unlike Bluebirds, they raise only one brood of young per year, but our 16 pairs laid about 90 eggs this summer and fledged at least 56 young, mostly in Lancaster Co. Black-capped Chickadees, also welcome, attempted to nest in 2 of our boxes, but were unsuccessful.

We suspect raccoons were one of our problems at Wagon Train Lake and Twin Lakes. Apparently, they would either reach inside the box and pull out the nest, or else chew through the front of the box. Woodpeckers damaged some of the fronts on the boxes, trying to enlarge the opening (possibly to feed on the ants that infested some boxes). People were also a problem -- 5 of our boxes were stolen and several more were shot.

Now we're planning and preparing for next year. Because of our modifications, we'll be able to leave the front of the boxes open all winter, so deer mice won't build nests in them. Many of the boxes will be moved from the wooden fence posts to free-standing steel posts, to make it more difficult for raccoons to get at the boxes and to enable us to get farther from the bushy areas preferred by Wrens.. We'll probably discontinue a couple of our least successful trails but still increase the total number of boxes, by pairing them at each location. In some cases, this will give Bluebirds a convenient empty box for their second brood; in others, it might help solve the problem of competition from other species.

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HYBRID BLUEBIRD UPDATE

The female Mountain Bluebird and male Eastern x Mountain Bluebird nesting in Dawes Co. (NBR 53:67) successfully fledged two broods, each with four young, in the summer of 1985. Young from the first nesting fledged in the last week of June. About 1 July the parents renested. Since the pair was observed copulating, it is highly probable that the hybrid male was the father of the young to be raised.

In mid-July the eggs hatched, but at this time the female became obviously ill. She sat on a fence with feathers ruffled and did not feed the young. Two or three days after hatching she disappeared. We believe she died, since birds are extremely reluctant to abandon a nest with small young. The male just flew his wings off feeding the babies all by himself, but he was successful. all four young fledged. The young from both nestings showed some warm brown in their underparts, perhaps hinting at their Eastern Bluebird ancestry. Interestingly, this fall (1985) a flock of about ten Eastern Bluebirds spent two days at this Pine Ridge location.

Hybridization between Eastern and Mountain Bluebirds has been reported several times. It has occurred when Mountain Bluebirds gradually displaced Easterns in Manitoba (21 cases reported in Rounds, R. C. and H. L. Munro, 1982, A review of hybridization between *Siala salis* and *S. currucoides*, *Wilson Bull.* 94(2):219-223) and North Dakota (Gatz, T. R. and R. Kandall, 1981, A mated pair of Eastern and Mountain Blue Birds in North Dakota, *Prairie Naturalist* 13(1):31). It has also happened when Easterns have moved into Mountain Bluebird range in Nebraska's Pine Ridge (this report), and when a vagrant male Mountain Bluebird in Ontario remained all summer and mated (Weir, R. D. 1985, Ontario Region, *American Birds*, 39(3):291-296. Hybrids are fertile and readily mate with both parental species (Rounds and Munro, cited above).

Birders in Nebraska are aware of hybridization, since many closely related eastern and western forms (subspecies, species, whatever) meet in the state. Forms that interbreed extensively when they meet are considered members

of a single species, as are Bullock's and Baltimore Orioles. However, the hybridization reported so far in Bluebirds has occurred only when one species was far more common than the other, making it very difficult for an individual of the rare species to find a mate of its own species. Under such conditions even very distinct species may hybridize on occasion. This hybridization is probably especially likely in Bluebirds, since the factor limiting their nesting is often lack of suitable nest cavities. A male defending a good cavity is unlikely to go unmated.

Since male Bluebirds control nest cavities, one could hypothesize that if there is any difference male hybrids may be more successful at finding mates than are females. However, the rather small amount of evidence gathered so far does not support that idea. Of the 47 individual birds reported to be involved in 24 cross-species matings and backcrosses, six are male hybrids and three are female hybrids. This difference is not significant.

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BOOK REVIEWS

From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog: The Walking Adventures of a Naturalist, John K. Torres, 228 pp., 6.25 x 8.25, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C. Flexibound, \$12.95.

This is a reprint, by a different publisher but with the original illustrations and typography, of a book published in 1966 but long out of print. The author moved to Chapel Hill to work on his *Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds*, and he walked over the University of North Carolina's Mason Farm for relaxation. His notes of those walks are the basis of this book. It has a chapter on the history of the farm, and then short seasonal pieces, separated by accounts of specific individuals of the mammals he observed: gray foxes, Turkey Vultures, Barred Owls, cottontail, Red-tailed Hawks, muskrats, golden mice, raccoons, Northern Bobwhite, flying squirrels, and Wild Turkey. An interesting book to read, and one which can be read a part at a time.

Bird Conservation 2, Stanley A. Temple, editor, 182 pp., 6 x 9, The University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Wis. No index, \$17.50 cloth, \$12.95± paper.

This (the second annual) issue deals with island birds and their status, specifically those on Hawaii, in Micronesia, and in the U.S. Caribbean islands. In addition there are comments on Peregrine Falcon restorations and on California Condor recovery efforts, and a review of bird conservation literature. This is a book for the serious student.

Aviary Birds in Color, Frank Woolham, 176 pp., 6 x 7.75, Blandford Press, UK, Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., New York, paperbound, \$7.95.

After a seven page introduction on aviculture in general - building the accommodations, feeding, diseases, acclimatization, and breeding - there are 100 very good color photographs (by Dennis Avon and Tony Tilford) of the selected birds and for each its name, description, general management, breeding, and feeding. But there is no discussion of governmental regulation of aviculture in general nor of limitation on the species that may be kept. The suggestion that Monk (Quaker to them) Parakeets could be kept in a free-flying colony probably wouldn't sit well with neighbors or the government. The book is written for Great Britain, and the suggestions as to birds that may be kept out all winter probably don't apply to many parts of the US. No water birds and only two game birds (quails) are included. For the restricted audience left the book could serve as a menu to select the type or species of birds to try to raise. For the general public it is a nice picture book, but some what disquieting to a reader for the implication that many of the birds are wild-trapped, particularly since they include our Indigo, Lazuli, Painted, and Varied Buntings, Cedar Waxwing, and "Virginia" Cardinal.

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COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL IN NEBRASKA

About noon on 18 November 1985 B. J. Rose (14937 N St., Omaha, Neb. 68137) saw a gull flying over the Hartford Sand & Gravel Co.'s sandpit lake, a mile north of Venice, Douglas Co. Because of the size and flight pattern he expected it to be a Kittiwake, but when he got the binoculars on it he saw the white wedge along the outer wing, similar to that of a Bonaparte's. However, except for the white outer primaries, the underwings were uniformly dark. It was an adult winter-plumaged bird with a dark spot behind the eye, bill brownish color (not black), tail all white. There were no other gulls present for direct size comparison, but it was noticeably smaller than drake Mallards. The bird was feeding, and would fly up, circle, and alight on the water, keeping its wings extended upward as it fed. The flight was deliberate, with relatively slow wingbeats in comparison to Bonaparte's. Mr. Rose had seen a Common Black-headed Gull on St. Paul Island, Alaska, in June. The Alaska bird was studied for about half an hour at about 40 yards. The feeding habit, flight pattern, and general behavior of the Nebraska bird were the same as the Alaska bird. The wing markings of the birds were identical. The Nebraska bird was seen at about 150 yards under sunny, good light conditions, for about 15 minutes. Mr. Rose had a 15x-60x B&L spotting scope with him, as well as 10x50 Bushnell binoculars.

There is a previous Nebraska record for a Common Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) -- one at Walgren Lake, Sheridan Co., 12 September 1979 (Richard C. Rosche, *Birds of Northwestern Nebraska and Southwestern South Dakota*, 1982).

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